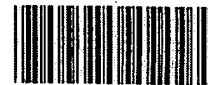




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 RESERVATION SYSTEM**
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2009 ("Office Action"), the following is provided:

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RESTRICTION ELECTION

By this paper, Applicant elects with traverse the invention of Group I (Claims 36 – 65) drawn to facilitating a hotel reservation, classified in class 705, subclass 5, per page 2 of the
5 Office Action.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's requirement for restriction as between Group II (Claims 66 – 75) drawn to a hotel bidding system including threshold parameters, classified in Class 705, subclass 5. Applicant further traverses the Examiner's requirement for restriction of Group III (Claims 75 – 78) drawn to automated and non-automated bidding system,
10 classified in Class 705, subclass 5.

Applicant submits that all claims presented herein for examination (including Claims 66 – 78), read on the elected Group I invention.